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5th April, 1974

Mr. E.P. Newman,  
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Dear Mr. Newman,

Your letter addressed to Melville Phillips, who wrote an article in 'Coins' in 1972, has been sent on to him.

Recently I took over the editorship of the magazine and when your letter was received in the London office I am afraid that it was opened, since we did not connect the name with a recent contribution.

I took the liberty of reading the letter before sending it on and since the subject of coin scales (and Victorian letter balances and scales) interests me I thought I would make myself known to you.

In my wanderings in London I have found only four scales, but go on searching. Unfortunately most dealers are now aware of the collector interest - and have put up prices accordingly.

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Mr. E.P. Newman

5th April, 1974

Some time back I bought a book from Spink & Son 'Scales and Weights' by Bruns Kisch. It is a very good book - an historical outline - fully illustrated, and it has sections on coin scales.

The book by Dr. Kisch - who is a physiologist and the curator of the Edward Streeter Collection of Weights and Measures of Yale University School of Medicine - was published by Yale University Press in 1965 at \$15. But you probably know about it.

Please write to me if there is a chance I can help you in any way.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur Blair". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Arthur Blair  
Editor

April 10, 1974

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Dear Mr. Blair:

Your nice letter of 5 April 1974 is appreciated. You have an excellent English source of data in Money Scales & Weights by T. Sheppard and J. B. Musham (London, 1923) published by Spink. I do not have a copy and would like one. The museum at Hull must be loaded with these items.

If you find any boxed coin scales of the fold up type and they are too dear for you, please advise me as I might buy them. I believe Victorian postal scales are common in England and are shipped over here in quantity by the antique pickers. I will inquire as to the source.

I am glad you read my letter to Phillips. I hope we can help each other.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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23 April 1974.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,  
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USA.

Dear Mr. Newman,

Thank you for your letter of 10 April. I shall try to acquire a copy of 'Money Scales and Weights' by Sheppard and Musham for you, but it will probably have to be a second-hand copy since Spink have nothing left in stock. However, they tell me that there is a possibility of their reprinting this in the near future.

If I come across any boxed coin scales I shall reserve them and let you know at once about them, with prices.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Arthur Blair*

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April 29, 1974

Mr. Christopher Dixon  
The Coin & Stamp Center  
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England

Dear Mr. Dixon:

Mr. Philip T. Meldrum of your city was kind enough to refer me to you with respect to my interest in buying coin scales and weights. I had written him because he had published an article on the subject in 1972 in Coins magazine.

He wrote that you are both a collector and dealer in coin scales and weights and I would be most interested in acquiring some further scales and weights for my collection. While I have mostly American ones, I collect the British ones as well. Do you have for sale any fold up balances in the narrow wood boxes which were used for testing guineas, sovereigns and their fractions? I prefer them with their instruction labels. If you have any of pan types or other types, please advise me as I would like to buy some. Please describe them and quote your price.

I also need the swinging L shaped coin holder for a Wilkenson scale as one of my balances is missing that part.

As to English or other coin weights, let me know what you have available.

I will appreciate your cooperation and hope we can be of benefit to one another.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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part*

